Hosting Appeal

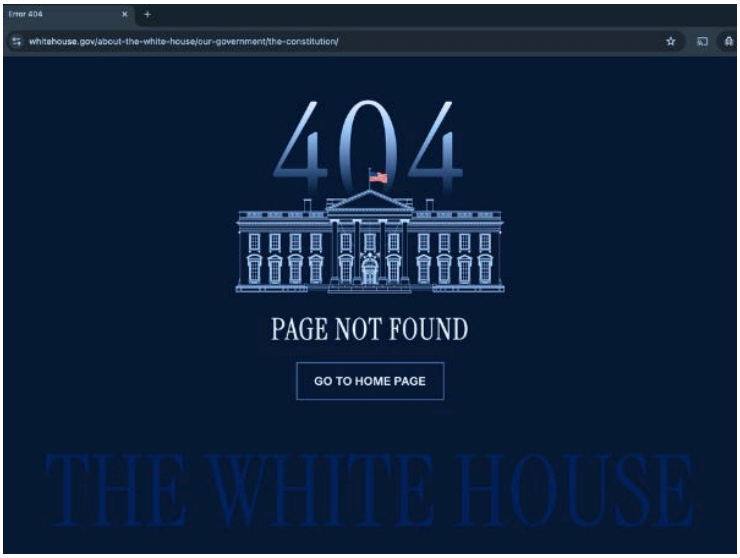
Dear Visitor. The Tap has become increasingly busy and we can't stay online without your help. We need a hosting account upgrade to help cope with the increased activity and keep this free blog online. In this age of great change The Tap is a valuable independent resource where we can come together and share information the controlling parasites would rather we didn't have. Please help if you can and donate a small amount towards the hosting costs. Your donation will make a huge difference. Thank you in advance. **Click here to donate**

The Constitution Has Gone **AWOL**: From Presidential Power Grabs to Martial Law – John and Nisha Whitehead

Thu 8:36 pm +00:00, 23 Jan 2025

posted by danceaway

JOHN W. WHITEHEAD AND NISHA WHITEHEAD
JAN 23



> *"Rule by indefinite emergency edict risks leaving all of us with a shell of a democracy and civil liberties just as hollow."—Justice Neil Gorsuch*

That didn't take long.

Within days of Donald Trump's second term, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights disappeared from the White House's website.

While the Trump Administration insists the removal of these foundational documents will eventually be restored to the site, the timing and symbolism of their removal is hard to ignore. Especially in light of the flurry of executive orders issued by President Trump as a means of bypassing the very rule of law those documents were intended to ensure.

Already, Trump has unilaterally declared two national states of emergency, announced his intention to disregard the 14th Amendment's assurance of birthright citizenship, established two new government agencies, and pushed for an expansion of the death penalty.

So much for the Founders' efforts to guard against this kind of concentrated, absolute power by establishing a system of checks of balances that separate and shares power

Buy Us a Coffee

Buy The Tap a Coffee

Search The Tap

Search ... Search

Submit News

Member Menu

Login Forgot?

Have an account?

Log in or sign up! It's fast & free!

Username:

Password:

Remember me

Login

Help Support The Tap

Support the Tap

Help with hosting costs

Donate Now ›

Secure Donation

Donor Dashboard

Buy The Tap a Coffee

The Alternative View News

Subscribe for news and event info:

between three co-equal branches to ensure that no single authority is entrusted with all the powers of government.

Mind you, Trump is not unique in his use of executive orders to bypass Congress and unilaterally impose his will upon the nation, but it is indicative of the fact that he, like his predecessors, will continue to serve as an imperial president, using executive orders, decrees, memorandums, proclamations, national security directives and legislative signing statements to operate above the law and beyond the reach of the Constitution.

America, meet your latest dictator-in-chief.

Pledge your support

Be warned: what is happening right now is political theater. Allow yourself to be distracted by it, and you will miss the real power play afoot: the expansion of unaccountable presidential power that exposes us to constitutional peril.

The Deep State is counting on us to be distracted.

Don't fall for it.

We must be particularly leery when political promises to fix everythingthat is wrong with the nation are dependent on presidential power grabs and manufactured crises.

That's the oldest trick in the book.

Whether the ends justify the means is never the point.

It is *especially* when the ends seem to justify the means that one must tread with particular caution.

That's how we landed in this mess in the first place.

Power-hungry and lawless, the government has weaponized one national crisis after another in order to expand its powers and justify all manner of government tyranny in the so-called name of national security.

As a result, we have become a nation in a permanent state of emergency.

That indefinite state of crisis has remained constant, no matter which party has controlled Congress and the White House.

The seeds of this present madness were sown almost two decades ago when George W. Bush stealthily issued two presidential directives that granted the president the power to unilaterally declare a national emergency, which is loosely defined as "any incident, regardless of location, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions."

Comprising the country's Continuity of Government (COG) plan, these directives (National Security Presidential Directive 51 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 20) provide a skeletal outline of the actions the president will take in the event of a "national emergency."

Just what sort of actions the president will take once he declares a national emergency can barely be discerned from the barebones directives. However, one thing is clear: in the event of a national emergency, the COG directives give unchecked executive, legislative and judicial power to the president.

It doesn't even matter what the nature of the crisis might be: civil unrest, the national emergencies, "unforeseen economic collapse, loss of functioning political and legal order, purposeful domestic resistance or insurgency, pervasive public health emergencies, and catastrophic natural and human disasters."

They have all become fair game to a government that continues to quietly assemble, test and deploy emergency powers a long laundry list of terrifying powers that override the Constitution and can be activated at a moment's notice.

We're talking about lockdown powers (at both the federal and state level): the ability to suspend the Constitution, indefinitely detain American citizens, bypass the courts, quarantine whole communities or segments of the population, override the First Amendment by outlawing religious gatherings and assemblies of more than a few people, shut down entire industries and manipulate the economy, muzzle dissidents, "stop and seize any plane, train or automobile to stymie the spread of contagious disease," reshape financial markets, create a digital currency (and thus further restrict the use of cash), determine who should live or die.

While these are powers the police state has been working to make permanent, they barely scratch the surface of the far-reaching powers the government has unilaterally claimed for itself without any pretense of being reined in or restricted in its power grabs by Congress, the courts or the citizenry.

As David C. Unger, observes in *The Emergency State: America's Pursuit of Absolute Security at All Costs*:

> *"For seven decades we have been yielding our most basic liberties to a secretive, unaccountable emergency state – a vast but increasingly misdirected complex of national security institutions, reflexes, and beliefs that so define our present world that we forget that there was ever a different America. ... Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness have given way to permanent crisis management: to policing the planet and fighting preventative wars of ideological containment, usually on terrain chosen by, and favorable to, our enemies. Limited government and constitutional accountability have been shouldered aside by the*

Events in the UK

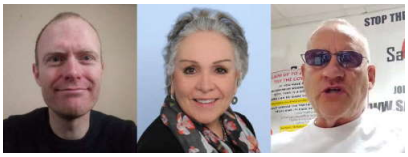
The Alternative View 5G Special

Date: 9 March 2025

Time: 11:00 - 16:30

Location: The Glanrhyd Coronation Club, Glannant, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1BQ

More info



Speakers: John Kitson – Claire Edwards – Mark Steele

Each speaker will be focusing on a different aspect of 5G and associated subjects

Event hosted by Gary Fraughen

Info and Booking

The Glanrhyd Coronation Club, Glannant, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1BQ

The Alternative View Presents Roger Anderton

Date: 4 May 2025

Time: 11:00 - 16:00

Location: The Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, Somerset, UK

Einstein Wrong and Special Relativity Revisited

The Assembly Rooms, High Street, Glastonbury Sunday 4th May 2025

Join us in Glastonbury for **The Alternative View Presents** Roger Anderton

Event hosted by Gary Fraughen

Info and Booking

The Assembly Rooms Glastonbury

Latest Comments

> *kind of imperial presidency our constitutional system was explicitly designed to prevent."*

This is all happening according to schedule.

The civil unrest, the national emergencies, "unforeseen economic collapse, loss of functioning political and legal order, purposeful domestic resistance or insurgency, pervasive public health emergencies, and catastrophic natural and human disasters," the government's reliance on the armed forces to solve domestic political and social problems, the implicit declaration of martial law packaged as a well-meaning and overriding concern for the nation's security: the powers-that-be have been planning and preparing for such a crisis for years now.

As we have witnessed in recent years, that national emergency can take any form, can be manipulated for any purpose and can be used to justify any end goal—*all on the say so of the president*.

The emergency powers *that we know about* which presidents might claim during such states of emergency are vast, ranging from imposing martial law and suspending habeas corpus to shutting down all forms of communications, including implementing an internet kill switch, and restricting travel.

Yet according to documents obtained by the Brennan Center, there may be many more secret powers that presidents may institute in times of so-called crisis without oversight from Congress, the courts, or the public.

Remember, these powers do not expire at the end of a president's term. They remain on the books, just waiting to be used or abused by the next political demagogue.

So, too, every action taken by the current occupant of the White House and his predecessors to weaken the system of checks and balances, sidestep the rule of law, and expand the power of the executive branch of government makes us that much more vulnerable to those who would abuse those powers in the future.

Although the Constitution invests the President with very specific, limited powers, in recent years, American presidents (Biden, Trump, Obama, Bush, Clinton, etc.) have claimed the power to completely and almost unilaterally alter the landscape of this country for good or for ill.

The Executive Branch's willingness to circumvent the Constitution by leaning heavily on the president's so-called emergency powers constitutes a gross perversion of what limited power the Constitution affords the president.

As law professor William P. Marshall explains, "every extraordinary use of power by one President expands the availability of executive branch power for use by future Presidents." Moreover, it doesn't even matter whether other presidents have chosen *not* to take advantage of any particular power, because "it is a President's action in using power, rather than forsaking its use, that has the precedential significance."

In other words, each successive president continues to add to his office's list of extraordinary orders and directives, expanding the reach and power of the presidency and granting him- or herself near dictatorial powers.

All of the imperial powers amassed by Obama, Bush, Trump, Biden and now Trump again—to kill American citizens without due process, to detain suspects (including American citizens) indefinitely, to strip Americans of their citizenship rights, to carry out mass surveillance on Americans without probable cause, to wage wars without congressional authorization, to suspend laws during wartime, to disregard laws with which he might disagree, to conduct secret wars and convene secret courts, to sanction torture, to sidestep the legislatures and courts with executive orders and signing statements, to direct the military to operate beyond the reach of the law, to establish a standing army *on American soil*, to operate a shadow government, to declare national emergencies for any manipulated reason, and to act as a dictator and a tyrant, above the law and beyond any real accountability—have become a permanent part of the president's toolbox of terror.

This is what you might call a stealthy, creeping, silent, slow-motion coup d'état.

As an investigative report by the Brennan Center explains:

> *"There are currently 41 declared national emergencies, most of which have been in place for more than a decade... Some of the emergency powers Congress has made available to the president are so breathtaking in their vastness that they would make an autocrat do a spit take. Presidents can use emergency declarations to shut down communications infrastructure, freeze private assets without judicial process, control domestic transportation, or even suspend the prohibition on government testing of chemical and biological agents on unwitting human subjects."*

We must recalibrate the balance of power.

For starters, Congress should put an end to the use of presidential executive orders, decrees, memorandums, proclamations, national security directives and legislative signing statements as a means of getting around Congress and the courts.

At a minimum, as *The Washington Post* suggests, "all emergency declarations [s]hould expire automatically after three or six months, whereupon Congress would need to vote upon any proposed extension. It is time for both parties to recognize that governing via endless crises — even when they are employed to implement broadly popular policies

pete fairhurst 2 on Richard Vobes – We Should Stop Being So Compliant!

Tapestry on Trump's needlessly ruffling Russian feathers

pete fairhurst 2 on Manufactured fear – Their key control tool

pete fairhurst 2 on Manufactured fear – Their key control tool

pete fairhurst 2 on Diana Lenska exposed the globalists' plan (2025-2028) for the never ending pandemics and lockdowns

pete fairhurst 2 on Diana Lenska exposed the globalists' plan (2025-2028) for the never ending pandemics and lockdowns

Belyi on Balkans canal?

Links and Ads

The Tap is a free resource. To help keep it free please visit our advertisers and/or consider a small donation.

StreamingVideoProvider

Ecommerce-Help

Specialists in Ecommerce and Shopping Cart systems. We also offer WordPress setup, development, fixing and support.

WORDPRESS

www.ecommerce-help.co.uk

www.ecommerce-help.co.uk/wordpress-services

Alternative View Media

The guys who run The Tap and The Alternative View Conference. Avaialble for event production and management in the UK.

AV MEDIA

Events: www.alternativeview.co.uk

Event Production: www.alternativeviewmedia.co.uk

that win plaudits from key political constituencies — subverts our system of constitutional government."

We've got to start making both the president and the police state play by the rules of the Constitution.

As Justice Gorsuch recognized:

> *"Fear and the desire for safety are powerful forces. They can lead to a clamor for action—almost any action—as long as someone does something to address a perceived threat. A leader or an expert who claims he can fix everything, if only we do exactly as he says, can prove an irresistible force. We do not need to confront a bayonet, we need only a nudge, before we willingly abandon the nicety of requiring laws to be adopted by our legislative representatives and accept rule by decree. Along the way, we will accede to the loss of many cherished civil liberties—the right to worship freely, to debate public policy without censorship, to gather with friends and family, or simply to leave our homes. We may even cheer on those who ask us to disregard our normal lawmaking processes and forfeit our personal freedoms. Of course, this is no new story. Even the ancients warned that democracies can degenerate toward autocracy in the face of fear."*

If we continue down this road, there can be no surprise about what awaits us at the end.

After all, it is a tale that has been told time and again throughout history.

For example, over 90 years ago, the citizens of another democratic world power elected a leader who promised to protect them from all dangers. In return for this protection, and under the auspice of fighting terrorism, he was given absolute power.

This leader went to great lengths to make his rise to power appear both legal and necessary, masterfully manipulating much of the citizenry and their government leaders.

Unnerved by threats of domestic terrorism and foreign invaders, the people had little idea that the domestic turmoil of the times—such as street rioting and the fear of Communism taking over the country—was staged by the leader in an effort to create fear and later capitalize on it. In the ensuing months, this charismatic leader ushered in a series of legislative measures that suspended civil liberties and habeas corpus rights and empowered him as a dictator.

On March 23, 1933, the nation's legislative body passed the Enabling Act, formally referred to as the "Law to Remedy the Distress of the People and the Nation," which appeared benign and allowed the leader to pass laws by decree in times of emergency.

What it succeeded in doing, however, was ensuring that the leader became a law unto himself.

The leader's name was Adolf Hitler.

The rest, as they say, is history. Yet as I point out in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, history has a way of repeating itself.

Hitler's rise to power should serve as a stark lesson to always be leery of granting any government leader sweeping powers.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xtduj5u

ABOUT JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. His most recent books are the best-selling Battlefield America: The War on the American People, the award-winning A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State, and a debut dystopian fiction novel, The Erik Blair Diaries. Whitehead can be contacted at staff@rutherford.org. Nisha Whitehead is the Executive Director of The Rutherford Institute. Information about The Rutherford Institute is available at www.rutherford.org.

Publication Guidelines / Reprint Permission

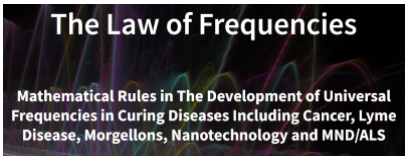
John W. Whitehead's weekly commentaries are available for publication to newspapers and web publications at no charge.

Share this

Post Views: 6

LEAVE A REPLY

You must be logged in to post a comment.



Latest Frequency

THE HOLY GRAIL

584069724426078

or

58407

Download https://thelawoffrequencies.com

Rife and The Law of Frequencies video presentation

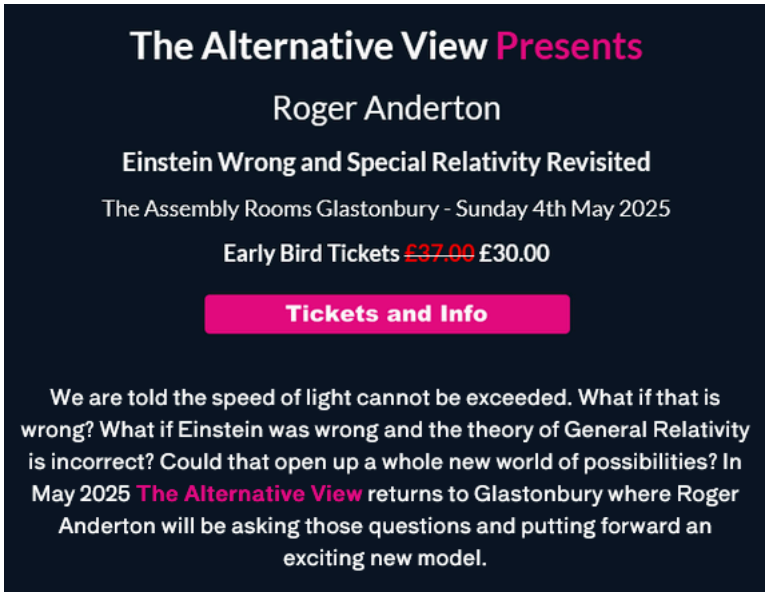
Buy The Tap a Coffee

Support the Tap

Help with hosting costs

Donate Now ›

Secure Donation



This site is intended as an informational guide. The remedies approaches and techniques described hearin are meant to supplement, and not be a substitute for, professional, medical care or treatments. Any information is for entertainment purposes only. Any previous articles which prefix the **8th of February 2023** have no involvement in new upload to this site. Any Copy right infringements are not intended and any such should be made aware to the site for immediate withdraw. Articles posted here are for your consideration at your discretion. No purported facts have been verified. Articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the poster nor the site owner.

Blog editor - editor[at]tapnewswire.com